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Republicans In Desperate  
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## MAN WHO CAN QUIET FACTIONS DEMANDED

Campaigners Bewail Fact That  
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Politician.

By WALTER J. FAHY.

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 25.—A party leader, a man who is big enough to command the Republican party forcefully, with determination and to exact harmony between the factions. This is the sum and substance of the cry which is being heard from every section of the country. It is echoing loudest around the Republican Congressional Committee headquarters. The need of such a man is being felt everywhere, the tremendous handicap and is a serious menace to party success at the polls next November.

Take Indiana, for instance. The Republicans in the Hoosier State are persistently and deliberately working at cross purposes. Personal spite and personal jealousy are placed above party success. Confidential reports from Iowa are to the effect that the men most prominently identified with the standard element in the Republican party are doing their utmost to have their followers vote the Democratic ticket. This campaign to undermine the wings of the party controlled by Senators Dooliver and Cummins is expected to send thousands of Republican votes to the Democrats. This state of affairs is known to the Republican officials here, and it is so well known to the managers of the Democratic campaign committee that they are counting on gaining several Congressmen in Iowa—not because the Democratic party in that State is growing stronger, but because the bitterness among the Republicans is becoming so intense that an outlet will be found in voting the Democratic ticket.

### In Many States.

These situations are not by any means peculiar to Indiana and Iowa, but they are more acute in those States than anywhere else with the possible exception of New York. The Democrats had expected to make gains in the Congressional districts in New York—that expectation was based on conditions which were in no way connected with the row kicked up by Colonel Roosevelt on the one hand and the Sherman-Barnes-Woodruff combination on the other. The price of that row, however, in the opinion of the Democratic leaders, will be the loss of more Republican seats in Congress than they had originally counted upon, and in a degree at least, this view of the situation is accepted by some prominent Republicans.

It is generally accepted as a fact that President Taft is not a good politician. No better illustration of what is meant by political blunders emanating from the President's office can be furnished than by referring to President Taft's letter announcing that patronage would be restored to its former status. This not a Republican of prominence in Chicago but will declare with the utmost emphasis that the letter never should have been made public, and it is not difficult to get at the bottom of their argument in support of that statement.

**Boost To Democrats.**  
Coming as it did on the tail of the Democratic success in Maine, the letter proved especially harmful. It was interpreted, rightly or wrongly, as an evidence that the President was genuinely frightened about the probability of Democratic success next November. The importance of the concession to the insurgents has been greatly exaggerated and the manner of announcing the restoration of the patronage is responsible for the exaggeration.

The President's letter has given the matter a national aspect. His decision to recede from his previous decision was proclaimed beneath big headlines and where the policy had heretofore been a subject of contention in communities its rejection as ill-considered became a topic of national consideration and at a time when discussion of the subject was especially harmful because it has given the impression that the President recognizes that the Republican party is in a desperate straits.

It is undoubtedly a fact that the Congressional fight is so extremely close at this time that neither side is in a position to claim the next House. The Congressional situation throughout the country is described by one prominent Republican as similar to a great convention which is unable to agree upon a candidate, but which is in prime condition for a stampede. As the situation presents itself today the lines are tightly drawn and the strain on the Republican party is greatest because it is on the defensive.

**Await Developments.**  
If there is to be a Democratic landslide next November there is no visible evidence of such a state of affairs, either at the Republican headquarters or at the Democratic headquarters. Following out the simile of the Republicans, however, it will not take much to break the tight lines. If the voters at large get an idea that this is a Democratic year there will be a great scramble to get on board the band wagon. A few more incidents like the Taft insurance letter, say the Republican leaders, and the country will get the idea that the President is adopting desperate methods to meet a desperate situation and then will begin the stampede of the boys who are looking for political straws on which they can float into the "I told you so" brigade.

It is believed that even at this late date President Taft could go far in aiding the Congressional situation if he set about to do it effectively and without fear of injuring the feelings of any of the factions to be dealt with. It is believed here that President Taft should at once go into consultation with the Republicans who have an intimate acquaintance with the conditions throughout the country. It is more than probable that when the President assembles with his Cabinet in Washington in a few days the real situation will be presented to him and that he will be asked to assume the leadership of his party in all that the term implies. That there is a pitiful lack of co-operation and team work is evident on every hand and unless it is remedied at the earliest possible moment the neglect is more than likely to result in disaster to the Republican party.

## CANDIDATES NEGLECTED AT SARATOGA GATHERING

Factional Warfare Absorbs Entire Attention of Delegates  
to Republican Convention—Roosevelt's Election to  
Chairmanship Conceded.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Sept. 25.—Theodore Roosevelt will be elected temporary chairman of the Republican State convention with at least fifty votes to spare. The question of direct primaries hangs in the balance.

The Roosevelt progressive forces talk confidently of increasing the Republican State committee from 38 members to 150.

Little or nothing is said about candidates, the real object of the convention being apparently lost in factional warfare.

This was the condition of affairs in Saratoga at the arrival of Theodore Roosevelt today. With practically all the delegates and leaders on the ground the final details of the struggle were held in abeyance until the arrival of the colonel.

Both sides declared that there would be no compromise, that the fight must be decisive and final. Whether or not the Republican party in the State would be drastically reorganized was recognized by both factions as to the big central issue.

The promise was demanded by some of the up-State delegations that a less drastic direct primary bill than the Cobb law be urged in the platform. Generally, however, the policies of Governor Hughes will be endorsed and recommended in the platform.

### Griscom Claims Two-Thirds.

"Colonel Roosevelt will have at least two-thirds of the delegates for him and may be more," said Griscom today following a conference with Cornelius V. Collins, of Troy; Herbert Parsons, and other Roosevelt leaders.

All indications today reiterated the forecasts of the last week that the State convention which opens tomorrow will be the strangest ever held in New York State and perhaps in the United States. It was utterly impossible to predict who would be named for governor. There was but one public boom. That was for Representative Bennet, of New York, and as a damper on that came the report that Colonel Roosevelt disapproved of nominating the Representative. No campaign has been made for the other offices. The convention will convene under conditions that have not prevailed for a great many years. There will be no slate and the nomination prizes will be gained in a scramble on the floor.

The line of battle finds the "Old Guard" apparently hopeless but defiantly drawn up in its final battle under William Barnes, Jr., who has as his staff Speaker Wadsworth, Timothy L. Woodruff, Lou Payne, and Abe Gruber. On the side of the progressive stands Colonel Roosevelt, with Lloyd C. Griscom, Representative Herbert Parsons, of New York, and Cornelius V. Collins, of Troy, as his foremost aides.

Well-meaning peace-makers today advanced the names of Representative Vreeland, of Chautauque, and President Schurman, of Cornell University, as compromise candidates for the temporary chairmanship. In practice, however, every instance they returned abashed and convinced that compromise had no place on either faction's program.

**Gruber Charges Interference.**  
Gruber in the United States Hotel openly charged that Roosevelt had been permitted to use the Federal strength in this State as a club to further his own ends.

The State committee was still in charge of the convention today, Mr. Barnes directing operations from the United States Hotel cottages one and two, the headquarters of the committee.

The convention hall was put into shape this morning. Plans have been made to give the colonel the most prominent seat in the hall. The Nassau county delegation will be seated near the platform, and the colonel will be seated on the aisle so that he can see quickly and as often as he pleases to speak or object to the speaking of some one else. The name of Governor Hughes was frequently brought into the conference today. The progressives claim to stand today. The progressives while the "Old Guard" has never disguised its bitterness toward the governor.

V. Collins, State superintendent of prisons, became one of the most active of the Roosevelt henchmen today.

**Awaiting Taft Letter.**  
There were many among the organization men who still clung tenaciously to the hope today that President Taft would send an open letter here stating clearly his attitude in the New York State situation. A communication was forwarded to the President on Saturday explaining the alleged use of Federal authority by the progressives and asking Mr. Taft to define his position before the convention opened. This letter was followed by another appeal sent to Washington, where the President arrived yesterday.

Those who found time to discuss gubernatorial candidates and men whose names are conspicuously mentioned, talked of the following timber today: Former Mayor Seth Low, of New York city; Representative William Bennet, of New York; State Superintendent of Insurance William H. Hotchkiss, of Buffalo; Frederick C. Stevens, of former United States District Attorney, L. Stimson; Jacob Schurman, president of Cornell; Ashley Wilcox, and Frederick Hazard.

It was reported today that one of the prominent features of the progressives' platform will be a demand for a complete and sweeping investigation of legislative corruption. There is such an investigation being made at the present time and while the platform will not criticize the work of this commission, nevertheless, it will recommend a more searching investigation than has yet been made.

The first active move to embarrass the Roosevelt men was made by the "old guard" leaders just before noon today. They announced that they will demand an open session of the committee on resolutions, so that the debate shall be made public.

The candidate of the anti-Roosevelt men for the chairmanship of the committee is Speaker Wadsworth. Roosevelt, if he is chosen the temporary chairman, intends to name United States Senator Elhu Root for the job.

## ROOSEVELT-HEARST FUSION SUGGESTED

Plan for G. O. P. Victory In  
New York Cheers  
Progressives.

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ing of axes is audible amid the rustling of the falling autumn leaves. But there is another side to the situation. It has begun to develop that there is among many of the delegates a serious purpose not to knifing the ticket for personal feelings, but to carry this State if possible in November. That being so, the question which is being taken up and seriously, is how to do it.

**Roosevelt Out To Win.**  
Roosevelt, in his talks with different men, has emphasized the fact that the Republicans in New York this fall must be united and ought to fight to win the State, and that he has gone into this thing with the idea of losing if he must, but beating the Democrats if he can after beating the old bosses at Saratoga. And, despite any grudges, this sort of feeling is strong here.

The arrival of many of the nominees for Congress, for one thing, has helped stir up in such a situation talk turns to what can be done, or, to be more specific, how. Gaynor is beaten if not himself would support him as expected to. It is learned that the plan being seriously talked over in council, is to nominate a man for governor, the governorship whom Hearst will be led to endorse and help with the support of the Independent League.

One man prominently mentioned for the nomination in the belief that Hearst would support him is Henry L. Stimson, of New York, former district attorney, and later special counsel for the Government in the prosecution of the sugar frauds.

A leading Republican member of Congress, a Roosevelt man and who is in such a position of influence, is pointed out today he had reason to believe Stimson would get the support of the Independent League.

Certain of the progressive leaders are giving this matter careful consideration. Not only that, they are seriously advocating such a course. It is pointed out that if Hearst should take the Independent League nomination for governor, the fight is made to beat Gaynor, it is believed he would not hurt the progress of the Roosevelt men, but would prevent his election.

But if the Republicans could put up a man who would support him, it is not forgotten that in the last majority fight in New York Hearst polled 126,000 votes, running as an independent. Further, it is pointed out that Hearst might endorse the right sort of a man for governor at the head of the Republican ticket and might make distinct nominees for the rest of the ticket.

Of course it is recognized that if the Democrats should not name Gaynor and should name one of the men whom Hearst is said he would support, then it would be idle to expect a Republican-Hearst alliance. But the feeling is pronounced here that the cards are stacked for Gaynor at Rochester, and that he will draw four of a kind, while the rest of the Democratic aspirants will get nothing but the busted flushes of disappointed hopes. One view is that if Roosevelt is named Gaynor would refuse to run.

The question of what will be done about a tariff plank in the platform is occupying a large share of the attention of the men who are going to have a hand in the resolutions. It is recognized that what is done in this respect will be of importance to the whole country in a political way, disposed not to give the Payne-Aldrich tariff law an endorsement as a whole, but to say in substance that the best feature of the law is the provision for a tariff board. This phase of the law is expected to draw warm responses.

The plank is expected further to take the position that the day of general revision of the tariff as a whole is past and that the correct and wise policy now is revision schedule by schedule in the light of the findings of an investigating body or commission like the tariff board.

It is also proposed to contrast the wisdom of such a policy with the unwisdom of what would be the Democratic policy if it gains control of Congress in undertaking a general revision and jangling of schedules with injury to the business interests of the country.

Representative Serebo Payne, chairman of Ways and Means in the House, is here, and has had talks with some of the progressive leaders about the tariff plank. Mr. Payne and Herbert Parsons last night talked over the situation.

Vice President Sherman arrived shortly before 10 o'clock. He was half way across the floor of the lobby of the United States Hotel before he was recognized.

He was surrounded by newspaper men and said in answer to questions "I am here to preside at the State convention." Some of the remarks he made were gloomy, but the Vice President thought it was delightful. The close friends of Sherman said he had no intention of quitting the battle and would fight it out.

**Roosevelt Leaves For Saratoga.**  
NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt left the Grand Central Terminal today at 9:30 for Saratoga, to attend the Republican State convention.

Just before the former President left, several of his closest friends assembled with the greatest positiveness that he would under no circumstances accept the nomination for governor. In response to a direct question in regard to this matter, Colonel Roosevelt replied: "I have nothing to say."

"You don't seem worried over the expected fight at the Saratoga convention, Colonel," it was remarked.

"No, there's nothing to be worried about," said Colonel Roosevelt.

In reply to all other questions, the colonel merely repeated his former reply "I have nothing to say."

Colonel Roosevelt had the drawing room on the chair car Amaranth, attached to the second section of the Montreal Express. He was accompanied by former United States District Attorney, Henry L. Stimson, who, it is rumored, is the Roosevelt candidate for governor, and State Senator J. Mayhew Wainwright, of Westchester, and William H. Wadsworth.

On the way to the train the colonel was met by Charles W. Anderson, the negro deputy collector of the port, who was appointed by Roosevelt when he was President. Colonel Roosevelt greeted him warmly.

"I'm very glad to see you, Charlie," he said. "I'm awfully glad you're going with us."

There were a number of other Roosevelt followers who greeted him, but there was no demonstration in the Terminal and few among the crowds even saw him.

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Declares "Theodore the  
First" Needs to Be  
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BOSTON, Sept. 25.—Predicting that Theodore Roosevelt was going to make himself in effect Emperor of the United States, the Rev. H. S. Johnson, in a sermon on "Theodore I," exuded a few ideas that are causing not a little comment here today among politicians.

Discussing the former President and his activities, the Rev. Johnson said: "Theodore I needs to be controlled. He has risen to such heights that there is grave danger that he will forget anyone else is living in the world."

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